

Frequently Asked Questions for the City of Imperial Beach's Organics Recycling Program

1. What is the City's Organics Recycling Program?

- a. The City of Imperial Beach is implementing the residential and commercial organics recycling program to comply with State law.

2. Why is the City implementing an organics recycling program?

- a. AB (Assembly Bill) 1826, requires all Cities to implement an organic waste recycling program to divert organic waste generated by businesses (commercial), and residential.

3. When will the program begin?

- a. For businesses, started in 2016, depending in the amount of waste generated weekly. For residents, program started April 1st, 2021.

4. How do we participate?

- a. EDCO began the rollout of the green carts in April 1st, 2021. Some residents already had a green waste cart. Now, you can safely place food scraps in the same container you used before for green waste.

A kitchen caddy is an optional, free 1.5 gallon sealable container that can be placed under your kitchen sink or another convenient area for your household to use. To receive a free EDCO kitchen caddy, please visit EDCO's website at www.edcodisposal.com, and visit the Residential's Service's Organics page to place an order.

5. What items will be accepted in the program?

- a. Food Scraps (vegetables, fruit, meat, bones, dairy, eggshells, prepared food). Yard waste (plants, leaves, branches, grass). Food-Soiled Paper (Napkins, tea bags, paper plates, coffee filters. Natural Fiber (Popsicle sticks, toothpicks, wooden chopsticks, untreated wood). **Do not use any kind of plastic bags.**

6. Is it okay to put my fats, oils, and grease (FOG) into my green food waste collection container?

- a. Fats, oils and grease, will not be accepted in the green organics container. You are still required to collect and dispose of it properly. This rule applies to commercial and residential.

7. Do all residents and businesses need to participate in the organics recycling program?

- a. Yes. State law requires all residents and businesses to participate.

8. Where can I get more information on the Organics Recycling Program?

- a. Questions regarding the food waste collection program should be directed by email to the City's Environmental Division at warellano@imperialbeachca.gov or by phone at (619) 424-4095.